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A

HISTORY
OF
DEERFIELD,
MASSACHUSETTS:

THE TIMES WHEN AND THE PEOPLE BY WHOM IT WAS
SETTLED, UNSETTLED AND RESETTLED:

WITH A SPECIAL STUDY OF THE

INDIAN WARS
IN THE
CONNECTICUT VALLEY.

WITH GENEALOGIES.

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GENEALOGIES

OF FAMILIES WHICH CAME BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

For information concerning the families who laid the foundations of our town, the compiler has searched the most obscure nooks and corners. Original documents have been consulted in all possible cases. Many controverted points have been put to rest by the evidence found. Some family traditions have been established and others dissipated to the four winds.

No work of this kind was ever printed without mistakes, and it is too much to hope that this will be an exception. But not all its variations from the records of town, church and family, or gravestone inscriptions, are mistakes. In each of these, errors, perpetuated for generations, have been discovered, proved such and corrected.

Records of families marked with a † are doubtful, or incomplete.

The dates following the names of children are those of birth, unless otherwise designated. The figures in parenthesis following these dates refer to the marginal number, where the child appears as the head of a family, and no 'son' is again noticed without this reference, and no daughter under her maiden name.

Between January 1st and March 25th double dates are given when found. In their absence an element of doubt as to the year must always exist prior to 1752, as the recorders followed no fixed rule.

All dates are *Old Style* before Sept. 3d, 1752, and *New Style* after that.

Where persons are said to have been killed or captured "in 1704," they were victims at the destruction of the town, Feb. 29th, 1703-4.

Part II. of the History of Deerfield, as originally published,

Five years later the committee laid before the Proprietors a minute report of the exact proportion each held in the common land. This report became the basis of all future divisions.

At a meeting of the Proprietors May 8th, 1723, the report of the committee chosen in 1718 to find out,—

The rights and interests by commons in the 8000 acres formerly granted to Dedham [was made,] and having Considered the List of Commons or Common Rights of each Inhabitant as Presented to Them by the Committee, which was accepted by the Proprietors with some amendments and is as followeth, viz.:

Names.	Commons.	Acres.	Rods.
Joseph Atherton,	5	7	80
Edward Allen, Jr.,	5	7	80
Jn. Allen & Edw'd Allen, Sen.,	17	7	81
John Arms,	17	1	0
Daniel Arms,	13	12	80
John Amsden,	3	0	0
William Arms,	11	11	80
Samuel Bardwell,	7	12	0
Daniel Belden,	11	4	0
Hannah Beamon,	6	0	0
Daniel Beamon,	6	0	0
John Beamon,	2	0	0
Capt. Samuel Bernard,	44	5	91
William Belden,	3	0	0
Joseph Brooks,	3	0	0
Ebenezer Brooks,	8	3	40
Nathaniel Brooks,	3	0	0
Samuel Childs,	6	9	120
John Catlin's Heirs,	15	12	60
John Catlin, Joseph's Heirs,	3	0	0
Timothy Childs,	13	3	88
Samuel Dickinson,	12	5	20
Thomas French, Sen.,	9	7	144
Thomas French, Jun.,	3	0	0
Samuel Field,	3	0	0
Nathaniel Frary,	10	0	0
Mehuman Hinsdel,	103	6	11
Dec'n Eliezer Hawks,	28	4	60
Jonathan Hoit,	13	10	100
David Hoit's Heirs,	7	0	0
David Hoit y ^e 2d's Heirs,	7	0	70
Benjamin Hastings,	3	10	64
Jonah Holms,	2	0	0
Benjamin Mun.,	15	0	156
Isaac Mattoon,	3	0	0
William Mitchel,	2	0	0
Michael Mitchel, Jun.,	2	0	0
John Nyms,	13	1	131
Ebenezer Nyms,	3	0	0
Moses Nash,	3	0	0
John Shelden Second's Heirs,	16	2	0
Ebenezer Shelden,	9	0	0
Samuel Smeed,	3	0	0
Ebenezer Smeed,	25	0	89
John Smeed's Heirs,	5	12	100
Joseph Severance,	12	8	1
John Stebbins, Jr.,	23	1	50
Joseph Stebbins,	2	0	0